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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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This Amendment supplements the Amendment filed November 19, 2001, which was responsive to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001. This Supplemental Amendment is filed via certificate of facsimile on August 14, 2002.

The following supplemental amendments and remarks, including the attachment Microsoft Computer Dictionary, Microsoft Press, Fourth Edition, 1999 (cover, publisher's information page, and pages 101, 102 and 319, total of 5 pages) are respectfully submitted, taking into consideration the Examiner's comments.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please REPLACE claims 1-9, 12-13, 15-16, 18, 20, and 22-23 as follows.

1. (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A data protection system protecting input data requiring authorization for use against unauthorized use during utilization of the input data, comprising:
 - means for storing input data, which can require authorization for use;
 - means for preparing data to create prepared data by linking the input data to, and/or embedding the input data in, the data using a compound document programming technique to generate information of the input data and to append the generated information to the prepared

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